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1. New Research Station

A research station called the Technical Physical Research Station (Technische Physikalische Versuchsanstalt) is under construction at Pirna Sonnenstein.

2. Recent History

(a) Work on the research station was started two years ago, but was stopped after the events of 17 June 1953. The houses which were then completed were handed over to German civilians.

(b) Four months ago, people living in Pirna and Heidenau were told over the radio that any families desiring to move to Dresden should register their names with the appropriate authorities. When this was done, accommodation in Dresden was found without delay for the requisite number. Their former houses in Pirna and Heidenau were handed over to the German civilians who, meanwhile, had been ordered to evacuate Pirna Sonnenstein which was declared a closed area (Sperrgebiet). At this time work on the construction of the research station was started again.

3. Security Measures

The strictest security measures are in force. These include:

(a) All material for construction work taken into the Sperrgebiet is accompanied by KVP (Air) guards.

(b) Workmen employed in the Sperrgebiet receive a certificate which is only valid for the particular building in which they have to work and does not permit them to enter other buildings.

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4. Construction Plans

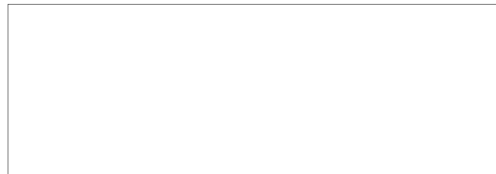
The construction plans envisage:

- (a) Residential quarters for employees.
- (b) Buildings for technical research purposes.
- (c) An airfield.
- (d) The damming of the Elbe at Obervogelgesang to provide a testing place for amphibious aircraft.

5. Operating Departments

Three departments are already functioning. The work being carried out includes:

- (a) Experiments and tests on aircraft parts as well as on the aircraft themselves.
- (b) Aerodynamic tests in a wind tunnel on models of new types of aircraft engines.
- (c) Tests in the wind tunnel on various kinds of engine cowlings for radial engines.



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